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JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEEJICM-1205
25 September 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

1. In your memorandum of 27 June 1950 addressed to the Directors of the Service intelligence agencies you state that in order to perform your statutory duties in regard to the production of national intelligence estimates "it is important for this Agency to receive copies of all communications, both incoming and outgoing, which contain information of: (1) the strength, composition, disposition and movements of United States forces abroad (composition and disposition in terms of major elements only), and (2) United States plans, policies, operations, activities and actions affecting the situation in foreign areas. In addition, it would be of material assistance to this Agency to receive copies of all communications which transmit the views of key United States military officials concerning foreign area situations, whether such officials be stationed at home or abroad."

2. The Service intelligence agencies are currently complying with National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 3 which requires exchange of intelligence information between the governmental intelligence agencies. However, little of the material requested comes within the definition of "intelligence", as commonly used. As a consequence, it is largely unavailable to the military intelligence agencies and very little of it is originated by them. Therefore, it is believed that, in general, the military intelligence agencies are not competent either to determine, or to effect a proper dissemination of the information requested.

3. Representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency have been given access to the Joint Staff Situation Room and to the daily Washington-Tokyo teletype conferences. These two sources should, it is believed, supply, to the maximum practical extent, the requirements of the Central Intelligence Agency for operational information of United States forces as listed in paragraph 2 (1) of your letter.

4. As regards information pertaining to U. S. plans, policies, etc., as listed in paragraph 2 (2) of your letter, this list is of such breadth and sensitivity that it requires the application of the "need-to-know" principle. It is considered entirely impracticable to meet such a blanket

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request. Specific requests for information may, however, be submitted to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, through the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

5. The foregoing meets with the approval of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

FOR THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE:

/s/ C. R. PECK

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Secretary

cc: JIC Members

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